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## ***HAPLOPAPPUS NANUS*** **DWARF GOLDENWEED**

Dwarf Goldenweed is a low shrub with rigid, intricately branched stems that are up to 30 cm high. The spreading, alternate, entire-margined leaves are linear to narrowly lance-shaped, 10-15 mm long, and occur on the upper half of the stems. Clusters of much smaller leaves are borne in principal leaf axils. Foliage is resinous. Few to several flower heads are borne on short stalks on the stem tips. Each head is 6-9 mm high and has 4-6 overlapping series of straw-colored, narrow involucral bracts with pointed green tips. The 3-10 yellow rays are 2-4 mm long, while the 4-10 yellow disk flowers are 4-7 mm long. The elongate achenes are glabrous to short-hairy and topped by numerous, white to tan bristles, forming a pappus of unequal length. Flowering in August.

The narrow leaves and varnished-appearing foliage separate this species from other shrubby *HAPLOPAPPUS* in our area. Species of *CHRYSOTHAMNUS* either have larger leaves or stems closely covered with dense, white hair.